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Warfield, Pinkett named Rhodes Scholars

by Dara Scott

"Becoming a Rhodes Scholar is the most prestigious scholarship opportunity that a student could hope to get," commented Lillian Jackson, the special assistant to the president for College relations at Morehouse College. And that hope has become a reality for seniors Nima Warfield and Randal Pinkett.

The Rhodes Scholarship is awarded annually to 32 successful applicants across the country, according to the general rules and regulations memorandum provided for scholars. Students that are elected as Rhodes Scholars in December of 1993 will enter the University of Oxford in October 1994. The scholars are expected to be full time students at Oxford until they have fulfilled the requirements for attaining their degree. Students must complete a minimum of two years of study.

Nima Warfield, a Morehouse College senior majoring in English, has created history for his

alma mater by becoming its first Rhodes scholar. This achievement that Nima termed "blessed" is one that he was grateful to have attained. Nima, who grew up and attended school in Plainfield, plans to use his experience and educational prowess to work towards social reform. "When I was asked what I planned to do after completing my studies in England I told everyone I planned to go back to Plainfield High School and teach."

"Initially everyone was shocked because, most Rhodes scholars go on to become lawyers or get involved in politics. But, once I explained to them how I believed that making steps toward social reform could be done through the classroom, where you can effect change while they are young and willing to listen, everyone agreed with me and understood my feelings better."

Delores Brown Johnson, Nima's mother, commented that the success of her son was "believable and unbelievable at the same time. When Nima was 6 years old, he brought home five

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Rhodes Scholar recipient Randal Pinkett

trophies that he had won in a competition. When I called my sister to tell her how well he did she just laughed and said 'sounds like a Rhodes Scholar to me,' and today that is a reality."

Although Nima says jokingly that Rhodes Scholar "must have been printed on his birth certificate," he believes the experience

alone of participating in the Rhodes process is one that everyone should experience.

According to Nima, the year he spent in Japan, his junior year in school taught him a lot about himself and broadened his outlook on life. He believes "everyone should take steps to enrich

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UNB upgrades facilities

Moves executive offices to Bridgewater, creates education center in Plainfield

PLAINFIELD—United National Bank recently announced the upgrading of operations at its Main Office Branch here on Park Avenue. Thomas C. Gregor, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, United National Bank, says the improvements will lead to faster and expanded services for customers, as well as the establishment of the United National Community Education Center, the first community center established by a private company in Plainfield.

"Our aim is to create the most comfortable, effective, and efficient banking environment for our customers and employees," Gregor says. "Our expansion will enable us to provide better and faster service, which will greatly facilitate banking for our customers."

Among the improvements will be an array of customer services, such as alternative investment products and expanded retail service delivery, as well as reorganization of the employees on the platform of the main office to provide more spacious and comfortable service areas.

Jay Castillo, United National's main office Manager, says customers can expect to see immediate effects from the upgrading. "This is going to make life much easier for customers who wait in long lines at certain times of the week, as well as our employees, whose cramped in their current offices."

"For example, one customer service area to be improved is the effi-

ciency of teller service during peak banking hours, which are Thursday nights and Saturday mornings. To increase the speed of our banking services during that time, we will be experimenting with such solutions as staggered banking hours and increased teller staffing, as well as adding another MAC machine. We will also be upgrading our account opening office, which will give each customer individual and confidential attention."

The new United National Community Education Center, located in the administrative building of the main Plainfield branch, will offer ongoing classes on a variety of subjects, including banking, trust products, personal credit, and loan applications.

The curriculum will be taught by bank employees and guest lecturers. Castillo will offer an English language class, which he is now teaching in Plainfield.

The UNCEC will also provide space free of charge to civic organizations, on a first come, first served basis. "United National has maintained a long record of community service as Plainfield's hometown bank since 1902, so naturally, as we upgrade our facilities, we wanted to find a way to let Plainfield share in the improvements," said Alex A. Gantt, Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer. "It's exciting for us to further our tradition of customer and community service in innovative ways."

The reorganization of offices is (Continued on page 3)

Report: Black officials targeted by Federal Government

NEW YORK—For more than 20 years, scores of black elected officials at all levels of U.S. government have been objects of systematic federal scrutiny—including surveillance, buggings, wiretaps, IRS audits, compromised informants, media leaks and grand-jury manipulations.

According to an article in the December issue of

GQ, these federal probes—at times initiated without probable cause—accelerated and peaked during the Reagan and Bush administrations. The article, by investigative reporter Mary A. Fischer, exposes how political corruption probes—especially during the 1980s—were targeted much more frequently against black officials than whites.

Of the 465 political corruption probes initiated between 1983 and 1988, 14 percent targeted black officials, even though blacks made up only 3 percent of all US office-holders. Roughly half of the then 26 members of the Congressional Black Caucus, were the target of federal investigations and/or indictments between 1981 and 1993. Few resulted in actual convictions.

Fischer reports that rumors began surfacing about such a pattern in 1982, when an FBI operative in At-

lanta testified in a federal trial about an unofficial FBI policy called "Frühmenschen"—a German word meaning "primitive man."

Hirsch Friedman, (whom you practices law in Atlanta) testified in an affidavit for use in a bribery trial that the FBI routinely investigated prominent black elected and appointed officials in major metropolitan areas throughout the U.S. Friedman said his contacts at the FBI told him "the basis for this policy was the assumption... that black officials were intellectually and socially incapable of governing major governmental organizations and institutions."

Ambition and career advancement at the Justice Department also contributed to the growth in the number of federal probes of black officials, Fischer reports. She traces how successful prosecution of politi-

cians leads to recognition in the media and the general public.

In the 1980s, federal prosecutors were given expanded powers by Attorney General Ed Meese and by his successor Richard Thornburgh. Fischer quotes a New York law professor who concluded that Thornburgh gave the '93 US attorneys so much autonomy that they were virtually immune to ethical restraints.

The result, Fischer writes, is that "local U.S. attorneys, working in tandem with FBI and IRS agents, can initiate investigations of elected officials as they see fit, without approval from Main Justice."

Fischer also quotes a former Congressional attorney who says the pattern of harassment derives directly from a "profile" that federal prosecutors and agents follow, when initiating political corruption cases. The profile establishes certain character-

istics—most of which have to do with financial status—that suggest a greater susceptibility to corruption. "If you're black," the attorney is quoted as saying, "you're more likely to be indicted."

Fischer tells the story of the 20-year investigation into the financial dealings of Birmingham mayor Richard Arrington. Other office-holders who have been subject to probes include: Georgia State Legislator Julian Bond, Maryland State Senator Clarence Mitchell III, Federal Judge Alice Hastings, Congressman Ron Dellums, Floyd Flake, Harold Ford, Mervyn Dymally, John Conyers, Charles Rangel, William Clay and William Gray, and Mayors Andrew Young, Maynard Jackson, Tom Bradley, Coleman Young, David Dinkins, Harold Washington, and Marion Barry.

Mayor David Dinkins

Judge Alice Hastings

William Gray

Kwanzaa allows for healthy eating

HOUSTON—This Christmas, black Americans can eat healthy and stay true to their African-American heritage.

"People tend to overindulge in food and drink during the holidays, increasing their risk for high blood pressure," said Dr. Addison Taylor, a professor of medicine and chief of the hypertension section at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

But many families who celebrate the African holiday, Kwanzaa, opt for fresh, natural seasonal foods derived from many African cultures. Kwanzaa is a seven-day ritual to celebrate the year's first harvest and reinforce family values. Eating a Kwanzaa meal consisting of low-fat, high-fiber foods like brown rice, fruit, vegetables and fish prepared without

salt is a good way to avoid high blood pressure and other problems in the long run.

A high-salt diet is a major risk factor for high blood pressure, or hypertension. Studies have shown that many blacks suffer from salt-sensitive hypertension as a result of eating traditional "soul foods" such as sweet potato pie, greens with salt pork, cornbread and fried chicken.

"Kwanzaa is not for you, Taylor suggests preparing traditional holiday foods that are 'heart-friendly.' "Fried foods, fatty meats and dairy products like butter can aggravate high blood pressure," said Taylor, who is also an investigator at Baylor's DeBakey Heart Center. "Lower your salt intake by use margarine, lemon

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President Clinton signs the order of the HBCUs

WASHINGTON, D.C. (L-R) Alexis Herman, Assistant to the President, and Director of the Office of Public Liaison, Secretary of Education Richard Riley, Catherine LeBlanc, Executive director of the White House Initiative, Vice President Gore, William Gray, III, President/CEO of the United Negro College Fund, Lloyd "Vic" Hectley, Chancellor, Fayetteville State University (the President's appointee to chair the Presidential Advisory Board on Historically Black Colleges and Universities), Dr. Sam Myers, President of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education



Anheuser-Busch renews commitment to Newark

by Dara Scott

NEWARK—Anheuser-Busch recently renewed its commitment to the Newark area during a civic luncheon at the company's brewery. Michael J. Roarty, executive president of corporate marketing and communications for Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc., addressed approximately 200 civic leaders at the Anheuser-Busch brewery, located at 200 U.S. Highway One. According to Roarty, the gathering was held to thank Newark residents and to express Anheuser's joy in being a part of the community.

Anheuser-Busch accounts for more than 170 million in direct spending in the Newark area, including the more than 80 million in payroll, and purchases of more than 101 million in local goods and services. It is estimated that the company creates more

than three additional jobs for every one the brewery provides. Anheuser's Newark operation accounts for a total of nearly 5,350 jobs in the area.

Roarty stated that there is more corporate citizenship than just providing jobs. It "also requires being a part of the community and reaching out to the people who live in it." As a result, Anheuser-Busch and its charitable foundations have supported a number of Newark area community organizations; including, Operation Brightside, a summer work/study program that receives \$30,000 each year from the brewery. The program is geared toward high school students and expanding their academic and social skills. Other organizations within Newark which benefit from the company's generosity include the Newark NAACP, West Ward Cultural Center, Casa de Don Pedro and the Newark Public Library.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

NEW BRUNSWICK—The Middlesex County College New Brunswick Center will hold on-site admissions from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Located in the Plaza II building, 817 Gorge Street. For more info, call (908)501-2566.

NEWARK—Essex County College presents "Vendors' Day/Holiday Shopping" and Veterans celebration at 1:30 p.m. Shopping starts at 10:00 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Second-Level Forum. For more info, call (201)877-1500.

NEWARK—Essex County College presents "The Best of Broadway" at 7 p.m. in the Mary B. Birch Theatre. For more info, call (201)977-3508.

JERSEY CITY—The exhibition "Status of Loss: Migration, Displacement, Colonialism and Power" will open to the public at the Jersey City Museum.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

WESTFIELD—The Union County Chapter of NOW will hold its monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church (rural/school entrance, 2nd floor), 125 Elmer Street. Guests are welcome. For more info, call (908)72-9076.

NEWARK—At the Newark Museum Gallery Talk: "25th Ceramics National Exhibit" with Lynette Dittz, 12:30 p.m. in the Billy Johnson Auditorium. For more info, call (201)596-6550.

JERSEY CITY—A program "Kwanzaa: In Celebration of African Traditions and Customs" will be held to mark the holiday of "Kwanzaa" which is held the last seven days of the year. In the Michael Gilligan Student Union Building, Multipurpose Room. Jersey City State College. For more info, call (201)200-3524.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

NEWARK—The first annual "Evening with the Muslim League of Voters" will be held in the Terrace Ballroom, 1028 Broad Street. There will be live entertainment. For ticket info, call (201)372-2224.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

NEWARK—The City of Newark's Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs (DORCA) will hold the "AL Ruffin Memorial, Newark Open Tennis Tournament of Champions" for Dec. 11-17, at the Mountaineer Tennis Center. For further info, call (201)738-6454.

JERSEY CITY—A reception, free and open to the public, will be held from 3-5 p.m. for the "Status of Loss" exhibition at the Jersey City Museum.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

PLAINFIELD—Sunday Holiday Art Gala! 11 Splendid Framing, 190 East Front Street, featuring Frank Moron-Young Central Jersey with a strong Emile Barnes influence. 2-8 p.m. For more info, call (908)499-9226.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

JERSEY CITY—"Art of the First Nations" Peoples of North and South America. An exhibit of Mayan and Inca artifacts and sculpture at the Courtyard Gallery, 2039 Kennedy Boulevard from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more info, call (201)200-3441.

BRANCHBURG—Raritan Valley Community College to sponsor bus trips to NYC City Museum of Modern Art and NYC Citi-Bank. For more info, call (908)216-8871.

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Quality management



Irvington resident receives service award



EAST ORANGE—Virginia Gellman of Irvington is congratulated by special guest host and former Kessler patient Ben Veron, at Kessler Institute annual awards ceremony. Gellman is a transporter at Kessler's East Orange facility, and was rewarded the Joseph Spitz Dedicated Service Award. The award is given to an employee at each of the Kessler and Weinkind facilities for his or her spirit in helping others to overcome physical disabilities or other challenges.

JERSEY CITY—Educators from throughout the metropolitan area recently attended the third annual leadership conference at Jersey City State College on "Total Quality Management/School-Based Planning." Dr. Lawrence Creedon (left), a JCSC professor of administration, curriculum and instruction (ACI) and conference coordinator, discussed his address on "School Improvement: Teams through Shared Decision Making" with (from left), James Carino of Lyndhurst; principal of Lyndhurst High School, his co-presenter Michele C. Raimondo of Lodi; a special education teacher with Union City Public Schools, and Marilyn Miller of Newark, a board member and president of the Education Planning Committee at Lincoln Elementary School in Newark. The conference was presented by JCSC's Department of ACI.

Photo by Brian D. Buckley

Girl Scouts seek women of distinction nominees

MONTECLAIR—The Girl Scout Council of Greater Essex County, NJ is currently accepting nominations for the Women of Distinction Award to be presented at their annual luncheon on March 10, 1994 at the Mayfair Farms Restaurant in West Orange.

The Women of Distinction Award honors women whose character incorporates the ideals of Girl Scouting through their professional and personal accomplishments in community service, the arts, medicine, education, science, law or other fields. Three awards are presented to women who have made a substantial effort to improve the world in which we live, and whose lives are identifiable with one of the five worlds of Girl Scouting: Arts, Well Being, People, Out of Doors, Tomorrow and tomorrow.

Nominations will be reviewed by a committee chaired by Carolyn Nuncy, Assistant Vice President of City Bank. The 1994 recipients of the Women of Distinction Awards will be announced the first week in January. All nominations must be received no later than December 15, 1993.

Persons interested in submitting nominations may contact Catherine

Coping

By Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

Happiness is a two-way street

"I became bored with her/him."
"I got tired of giving everything and receiving nothing in return."
"She/he became too predictable."
"The relationship was no longer challenging.... I had conquered her/him and needed another more challenging affair."
"It was love on a one-way street; I have and she/he never returned my affection."

"I just needed to live by myself for awhile."

These are but a few expressions uttered by one or both of the mates in a relationship that is coming to an end. These statements seem to have a common ring to them. They suggest that one or both of the mates is in the relationship for what she/he can get out of it and is not prepared to give anything to the relationship in order to make it work.

An enduring, compassionate, loving relationship that lasts for a long period of time is far more difficult to achieve than a relationship that lasts for weeks or months and then fades into nothingness. Practically anyone can enter a number of the opposite sex to like him/her for a few weeks or months, but making a relationship grow and last for years requires care, planning, understanding, receiving and giving. Such a relationship requires "giving" to such an extent that they both care very deeply about the feelings of one another and express this caring often.

A friend once said that she knew that she was in love when she began to care more about her spouse than she cared about herself. But, this feeling must be a two-way street in order for the relationship to endure. The insecure person who enters a relationship for the over-riding purpose of obtaining emotional or sexual fulfillment will soon become bored and frustrated due to the absence (or loss) of the challenge.

It is not uncommon for one to search for years to find the one special person who will give love and understanding, but time of that person and resume the tormenting search. The person may actually chase the loving mate away by accepting love, but rejecting the mate's efforts to obtain love in return. This is an ideal case of a person reaching a goal, tiring of the rewards of that achievement, tossing it aside, then, searching high and low, often without success, for another pot of gold. We often destroy the very thing that we need.

Deeply imbedded within the hard exterior of each of us is a soft, hidden, individual in need of love, but often afraid to reveal itself for fear that it will be rejected. If it is ever rejected it will be very, very difficult for a person to again find the strength and nerve to express the soft, inner self that dwells in the depth of our personalities. After all, isn't it a sign of weakness to let someone else know how much we need to be loved?

Yes, the very person who so badly needs to be loved by someone else is in no hurry to provide the kind, unselfish love that someone else needs. This is unquestionably the primary cause of unhappiness and failures in many relationships. We want love, but we don't want to give love to someone else.

A young lady once said that when her spouse, in a very tender moment, shed a tear, she interpreted his behavior as weakness and she tried to end the relationship. Wouldn't it have been wonderful if she had held her mate tightly and said, "I understand." People often reject the deep emotional needs of others, but spend their own lives searching for the same thing themselves.

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National News at a glance

By Robert N. Taylor

Blacks look for ways to benefit from NAFTA: Although a majority of Congressional Black Caucus members voted against it, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) becomes international law on January 1, 1994. The agreement involving the United States, Canada and Mexico creates the world's largest free-trade zone with a total of 370 million people and a market valued at \$608 trillion. Facing the reality of NAFTA's passage despite fears it may cost African-Americans jobs, several black business groups nationwide have started investigating ways they can benefit from the trade agreement. One of the leading black supporters of NAFTA, Black Enterprise magazine publisher Earl G. Graves, acknowledged last week that blacks may lose jobs in the short run, but predicted that in a few years, "NAFTA should result in a net gain in both jobs and business opportunities." NAFTA will lower trade barriers and virtually eliminate tariffs over the next 15 years. Meanwhile, Better Life Club, the Washington, D.C.-based economic self-help group has compiled a guide listing ways small black businesses and investors can benefit financially from the trade agreement. "Blacks Building Wealth Through NAFTA" is available (\$3.00 for mailing costs) from B.L.C., P.O. Box 28422, Washington, D.C. 20038—WASHINGTON, D.C.

Supreme Court Justice suggests death penalty may be racist: Upset in part because of the disproportionate number of blacks on death row, Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackman recently said he was having second thoughts about the constitutionality of the death penalty. The 85-year-old veteran jurist was speaking on ABC's Nightline program. According to Blackman, there are "disturbing statistics that come in when one considers race.... Of course, some people

can rationalize that to their satisfaction. But there it stands, and I'm bothered by it." However, even if Blackman changes his mind, there is little likelihood capital punishment will be struck down. There remains a conservative majority on the high court in favor of the death penalty. Former Supreme Court Justice the late Thurgood Marshall consistently argued that the death penalty was unconstitutional.—WASHINGTON, D.C.

Constitutional agreements give ANC a strong hand: The conclusion of constitutional talks in South Africa last week gave Nelson Mandela's African National Congress (ANC) the power it may need to establish a strong black-led government in the currently white-ruled nation. The ANC will need that power to head off possibly violent challenges from white racist groups which object to black majority rule and from the rival, Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party which fears domination by the ANC. The transition from the racist apartheid system to democracy is expected to culminate in free elections next April. Mandela is widely expected to win the race for president of South Africa.—JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

Supreme Court judge upholds "blacks only" scholarship program: A federal judge last week upheld the constitutionality of the University of Maryland's Banner Program—a scholarship program specifically designed to give financial aid to African-American students. In 1992, a white student challenged the program as a form of discrimination against whites. But Judge Frederick J. Motz ruled the program was justified because of past discrimination against blacks. Similar programs are under challenge on other college campuses nationwide.—ANNAPOLIS, MD.

Celebrating United Nations month

NEWARK—In recognition of "United Nations Month," observed in America and abroad, Essex County College (ECC) recently held an "International Week" ceremony, sponsored by the International Club and Student Life and Activities Office of the ECC. Mayor's Aide Tanya Adler presented the college with a proclamation from Mayor Sharpe James, Dr.

Niki Chikunta, a professor in the Humanities Department and an International Club advisor, accepted the award on behalf of Essex County College. Since the founding of "International Week," the ECC has been in the forefront of striving to achieve the stated goals of the observance: world unity, harmony and peace.



NBE holds public meetings on educational concern

NEWARK—The Newark Board of Education is holding a series of public meetings on educational concerns in the South Ward, during the Month of December. The next meeting will be held at Peshine Avenue School on December 20. Other meeting dates and locations are: Maple Avenue school on January 10, 1994 and Wil-

liam H. Brown, Jr. Academy on January 24. Parents and concerned citizens are encouraged to attend the meetings which are open to the public. For further information please call the Newark Board of Education, Office of Board Affairs at 733-7360.

Kwanzaa allows for healthy eating

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and herbs instead of oil and butter." According to the American Heart Association, one out of every three African-Americans suffer from hypertension—a "silent killer" because it usually appears without symptoms. The disease strikes black men the hardest, affecting them earlier in life than their white counterparts. Taylor said that hypertension is seven times more in patients with diabetes and often leads to a heart attack, kidney failure or stroke if left untreated.

"Diabetics and people who are overweight are especially vulnerable to complications associated with the disease," he said. "If you are obese, you should add regular exercise to your health plan to reduce your cholesterol level and keep your weight

down." For a heart-healthy holiday celebration, Taylor recommends the following:

- Drink alcoholic beverages in moderation—one or two a day at the most. At parties, designate a driver.
- If you haven't been checking your blood pressure regularly—start. Many supermarkets and drug stores offer free blood pressure monitoring.
- Consult a physician if your blood pressure exceeds 120 over 80. A low-fat diet, regular exercise and anti-hypertensive drugs may be prescribed.
- If you are on medication, take it regularly. Pack an ample supply if you are going out of town for the holidays.

200 club hosts chiefs reception

MOUNTAINSIDE—The 200 Club of Union County will host its annual "Chiefs Reception" on Thursday, December 9, 1993 at L'Affaire Restaurant, Rt. 22 Mountainide from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The annual event brings all of the Police Chiefs and Fire Chiefs in Union County's 21 municipalities together with members of The Two Hundred Club. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres will be

served, and attendees will be entertained by holiday music. Tickets are available at \$30 per person at the door. The Two Hundred Club with a membership of 420 in Union County is made up of business people dedicated to helping the unemployed, police and firefighters in our communities. For further information please call 908-322-2422

United national

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providing room for United National's other operations to expand as well. As part of the plan to more efficiently organize the staff, in Spring of 1995 some senior management officials and staff will occupy United National's new headquarters building in Bridgewater, N.J. "The centralization of United National's senior management will enable

the bank to run more efficiently, while keeping the needs of Plainfield close to the heart of the corporation," said Gregor. "Having senior managers across the hall from each other, as opposed to relying on long distance telephone tag, will greatly streamline communications and decision making, and generally make for better banking."

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Congratulations Nima

When Nima Warfield was six years old and returned home from school with numerous awards, his aunt told his mother, "This boy's going to be a Rhodes Scholar."

This past weekend, the Moushouse senior joined the ranks of the academic elite as a Rhodes Scholar.

There is no question that Nima has a strong, supportive family who encourages him to reach his goals—grand as they are—because they can be achieved.

Nima Warfield is also a graduate of Plainfield high school. As a student, many of his teachers were supportive as were his friends. The Plainfield community knew of his achievements and expected him to do great things and encouraged him.

Nima's environment allowed him to grow and achieve.

It is this same environment that we must strive to create for all our young people. It is one that nurtures and shows them how to succeed, teaches them proper behavior, helps them to identify opportunities and how to take advantage of them.

They say it takes a village to raise a child.

The village of Plainfield can be proud of Nima and the many others who deserve to realize their dreams.

Racism against our children must stop



by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

We have received an overwhelming response to the article recently published regarding the "City of Los Angeles High School Math Proficiency Exam." The story gave our readers the opportunity to see for themselves the racist document distributed at the principal's advisory committee at Plainfield High School. Virtually everyone has expressed their shock and outrage at the contents, and most people have asked the question, "what can I do about this incident?"

It's important that we respond in an appropriate manner to this attack and insult directed at our children. On Tuesday, December 21, the Plainfield Board of Education will hold its public meeting, and we would presume that the board will have some comments to account for this incident and how it plans to proceed.

All concerned parents and citizens need to be at this meeting to let their feelings be known. You shouldn't be content to just wait to see what happens, or let others come out and wage the war that must occur, in order to insure that an incident such as this does not happen in our schools again.

Those people who believe that they can say or do anything without having to account for their actions, must be shown that this isn't the case. And that our communities will not tolerate behavior that truly is conduct unbecoming to any professional teaching staff member. To treat our children with such scorn and ridicule, and then to expect to get paid for it, is absolutely unacceptable and outrageous.

by Connie Woodruff

Friends of Newark councilwoman Marie Villani are planning a series of "appreciation" events for her in January.

It's not surprising some community folks disapprove, but the arguments against honoring the woman who has served on the council 20 years are weak and almost meaningless.

It doesn't matter one bit that Mrs. Villani fell from grace last year, what about the two decades she devoted to establishing legislation to protect the rights of women and children, rape victims and the homeless? How quickly some of us forget.

Villani is not the first Newark council member to be found guilty of misconduct in office. In fact, Newark has had several elected officials jailed for criminal activities. As a matter-of-fact it has become the custom to give public officials something akin to a hero's welcome when they get out of jail. We remember when one such official was royally entertained by those who followed him into office

and the celebration was held in the city council chambers. It was forgiving and forgetting time and everybody was happy.

Why shouldn't Marie Villani (who has not been incarcerated) be treated any differently? I say let the good times roll and let those who sincerely disapprove boycott however many events are planned in her honor.

South Ward (Newark) councilman Donald Bradley must be gearing up for re-election. It's believably reported his main man, Bernie Adams has returned to his old position in the councilman's city hall office. Hmm.

We hear the group of Baptist minister's Rev. Buster Scuris claims he represents in exploring the potential of a court suit against Republican Party consultant, Ed Rollins, says it ain't so.

It will probably soon strange to the Essex County College family not to have long term Board of Trustees president, Clara Dasher, at the helm this year. Dasher headed the board for a decade.

The death of the Civil Rights Movement

by Joe Williams, III

This story is perhaps the hardest body of work I have done in the past 30 years. It is difficult because most of my life has been based on the premise that social struggle would eventually force social change.

In the last three weeks, I have been pondering how I can develop a new social agenda for the African-American community, an agenda that can draw us away from our present social stagnation. Then, recently, it dawned on me that the problem was more than the need for a new social agenda, even though that's needed too.

The problem is much greater. The reason for the lack of growth and development in the African-American community is that the Civil Rights Movement is dead.

Until we admit that there is no real movement, that there is no effective leadership or vision, we will remain in this present state of ambivalence and confusion. The African-American Civil Rights Movement is dead. It is not dying—it is already dead.

It is our dilemma. This is the reality we must accept in order to move forward. Many black writers, including myself, have criticized the Reverend Jesse Jackson for his vacillation and political opportunism. But, Rev. Jackson isn't the problem. Many Civil Rights leaders have fallen into the pit of ineffectiveness since the sixties. The real problem is that America, and the world, have changed so drastically in recent years that Civil Rights ideologies, tactics and strategies have become outdated.

This is hard for many to accept. It is hard because people have become secure with what has worked in the past. Leaders and activists have literally given their whole lives to the "struggle." However, it is time for us to understand the old adage: "The only thing permanent is change." We must not only understand that, but we must accept it and move on. We must move past the stage of bickering with each other about failed programs, marches, demonstrations and policies. The future demands that we change. We must accept our new challenge; we must assume new roles. The black community is not the homogeneous community it once was during the sixties.

We have developed various classes of black people with different agendas. We now see black faces in positions where there were once only the faces of white oppressors. We have blacks in the establishment who are quite willing to suppress and contain other black people. We also have blacks who claim that they represent us while negotiating our progress away in corporate board rooms. The hard fact is that for many of our people, times are harder now than they were in the sixties. The problem is that there are no leaders or organizations raising "hell" about the situation.

While the Civil Rights Movement was able to tackle the problems of Jim Crow and segregation, it has not been able to deal with the continuing economic decline in America, especially in the hard-hit black community. It has not been able to effectively solve the issue of black youth in prisons, or black gangs, or even black on black crime.

Furthermore, the Civil Rights Movement has not been able to become economically self-sufficient. It hasn't been able to create an independent political voice for social change, and has not been able to muster support from foreign allies. The movement has not been able to galvanize or even identify "black" or "good" white folks from the "bad" white folks. In addition, it has been totally helpless in the face of

While Mayor Sharpe James of Newark was in Orlando, Fla., this week getting himself installed as president of the National Council of Mayors, the list of folks who plan to run for his job at home, grew longer and more interesting.

So folks, fasten your seat belts, next year's mayor-council election in Newark's gonna be a bumpy ride. One of the first things any contender will need to do is match Sharpe's reelection war chest and that won't be easy. Then they've got to change the minds of the senior citizens who have been carefully courted by the mayor, the homeless families he found apartments and jobs for in the city and county and the city hall workers he kept on the payroll despite a recession.

Congressman Donald Payne is a man who never forgets his Newark roots. His annual pre-holiday luncheon was a salute to Mrs. Mary Burch, founder of The Leaguers.

Donald noted he attended Seton Hall University on a Leagues scholarship and did hundreds of other Newark students in the 1950s and beyond.

This year, The Leaguers are celebrating 44 years as an organization.

Scholarships are still a part of their community service but more importantly today's activities include Head Start, after-school tutorial and recreational programs, teenage rap sessions and a satellite program for the Essex County Office on Aging that includes a hot mid-day meal.

Mary Burch and her husband, retired OB/GYN specialist, Dr. Buster Burch retired to Silver Springs, Md. several years ago.

She was Newark's first black member on the Board of Education and the first woman of color on the Board of Directors at the Correctional Center for Women in Clinton, the Board of Trustees at Essex County and Kean Colleges.

ECC named its Mary Burch Theater in her honor and Kean dedicated its Burch Hall dormitory to her a decade ago. Prior to her retirement from active participation in educational affairs, she was presented with an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters by Seton Hall University.

Leagues alumna Harriet O'Leary, U.S. Secretary of Energy was the luncheon's guest speaker.

However, its largest and most deadly features have been: 1) Its lack of ability to draw the masses of black people and the middle-class black leadership together around a single issue for years. 2) Its failure to address issues facing black women. 3) Its inability to develop young leadership to which to pass on the torch. 4) And finally, its failure to outline a proper educational

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KIDS Kalendar

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

ELIZABETH—Santa Claus will visit Warnaco Skating Center located in Warnaco Park, on the Elizabeth/Roselle border. For more info, call (609)298-7850.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

JERSEY CITY—"Origami Lessons" for children ages 8-12, are held every Thursday at 3:00 p.m. at the Five Corners Branch Library, 678 Newark Avenue. For more info, call (201)547-5804.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

JERSEY CITY—"The Frog Prince", will be shown at the West Bergen Branch of the Jersey City Public Library, 476 West Side Avenue at 3:15 p.m. For more info, call (201)547-5804.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

NEWARK—At the Newark Museum Family Theatre: "The Unusual Wedding" & "Milly Mouse and the Great Lord Frog" 3:00 p.m. in the Billy Johnson Auditorium. For more info, call (201)595-8650.

MADISON—A special holiday treat for young audiences, "When You Wish Upon a Star" will be performed in the Children's Theatre, FDU Madison at 2:00 p.m. For more info, call (201)593-8620.

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield Public Library, Richard Stillman's Holiday Troubadours. "Sesame Street" and with Jim Henson puppets at 1:00 p.m. For more info, call (908)757-1111.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

NEWARK—At the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra "The Magic of Christmas: Featuring The Newark Boys Chorus, Pro Arte Chorale & Becky Budo, Soprano. Show begins at 3:00 p.m. For more info, call 1-800-ALLEGRO.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15
NEW YORK—"Sesame Street Live presents 'When I Grow Up' at The Paramount for 32 performances at Madison Square Garden. For more info, call (212)307-7171.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

PLAINFIELD—At the Plainfield Public Library, 8th Street at Park Avenue, Little People Storytime 11:00 a.m. For more info, call (908)757-1111.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

PATERSON—Children's Ornament Workshop at Lambert Castle Museum. Children, ages 6 to 12 will learn to make paper reproductions of Victorian holiday ornaments and gifts. There are two classes: 11:30-12:30 or 1:00-2:00. To enroll call the Historical Society at (201)881-2761.

MADISON—Fairleigh Dickinson University's Children Theatre Series will present a special program, "Mr. Punch's Christmas Carol," at 2:00 p.m. in Drydus Theatre. For more info, call (201)593-8620.

PLAINFIELD—At Plainfield Public Library, Storyreader, Jan Sadt at 11:30 a.m. reads for kids, 4-8 yrs. For more info, call (908)757-1111.

MADISON—At Fairleigh Dickinson University, "Cabbage Puppet Christmas Carol" To be held in the Drydus Theatre of FDU's Raritan-Madison Campus, at 2:00 p.m. For ticket info, call (201)593-8620.

NEW YORK—At the Children's Museum of The Arts, 72-78 Spring Street, Sand Painting. Learn the art of painting with sand. Create imaginative designs using glass and colored sand. For more info, call (212) 941-9198.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

ELIZABETH—Last day Santa Claus will visit Warnaco Skating Center located in Warnaco Park, on the Elizabeth/Roselle border. For more info, call (908)298-7850.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

NEW YORK—At the Children's Museum of The Arts, 72-78 Spring Street, Winter Landscapes. For more info, call (212) 941-9198.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

PLAINFIELD—At Plainfield Public Library Trivial Pursuit for kids ages 7 yrs. & up, at 11:00 a.m. Craft program "paper airplanes" at 2:00 p.m. For more info, call (908)757-1111.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield Public Library presents at 11 a.m. "Hand Pictures" and "Winter Landscapes" at 2:00 p.m. For more info, call (908)757-1111.

NEWARK—At the New Jersey Historical Society, Free Craft Workshops from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Located at 230 Broadway. For more info, call (201)483-3938.

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CNN Newsroom and Jesse Jackson team up with students to speak out about violence

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Nearly one million people between the ages of 12 and 19 are victims of rape, robbery or assault. Many of their attackers are peers, and the attacks are more likely to occur at their schools. CNN Newsroom, a 15-minute commercial-free newsmag for the nation's schools, will present a special 45-minute, commercial-free program called "Code of Silence" focusing on the growing spread of violence among today's youth.

CNN Newsroom anchors Cassandra Henderson and Brian Andrews examine violence in the inner-city and how it has spread into schools, a

place once considered a "safe" refuge from the dangers lurking on the streets. This special edition of CNN Newsroom will air Wednesday, December 8, from 3:45-4:30 a.m. (ET).

Henderson and Andrews will join Rev. Jesse Jackson in Washington, D.C. to speak with young people about their views on the rising rate of violence among their peers. Rev. Jackson takes his call for a new civil rights movement against those who perpetuate violence, and asks students to break their code of silence and turn criminals in.

A roundtable discussion will focus on possible solutions kids offer to

curb the continuing spread of violence among teens. "Code of Silence" is copyright-free, allowing teachers to tape and archive the program for use in the classroom. The program will also be accompanied by a special edition of the supplemental CNN Newsroom study guide which is available through a variety of electronic mail services.

Teachers at participating schools tape the program and use it, with a full classroom guide, at their discretion, as part of the classroom curriculum. Currently over 27,700 U.S. schools are enrolled. For more information please, call 1-800-344-6219.

Ailing children contribute to the spirit of Christmas

NEW BRUNSWICK—Young patients of the Division of Pediatric Hematology Oncology at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, have donated original artwork for use in holiday greeting cards and a calendar to help raise funds for their treatment. The public can purchase these greeting cards and an 18-month calendar and help children who are battling life-threatening diseases. The children sketched the covers for the Christmas and Chanukah cards, and provided drawings for the calendars.

All proceeds from the sale of the cards and calendars benefit the Institute for Children with Cancer and

Blood Disorders, a non-profit organization which supports the division by raising funds to provide treatment to children fighting cancer and blood disorders.

The greeting cards come in four designs, featuring holiday scenes and are available with or without imprints. The cards were designed by Jody Weiner of Ocean Twp., Hilary Masaro of Jackson and Jill Cameron of Trenton. The 18-month calendar features more artwork by other patients, along with a picture and a brief biography of each child. To order holiday cards and the calendar, contact the Institute at 1-800-231-KIDS.

Rhodes Scholars

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yourself. Internationalism is the wave of the future. Global communication, global village are all buzz words of today. Youth should be ready to take on new and different situations. Take steps to enrich yourself. Move beyond the borders of this country." While studying at Oxford University's Joint Honors School of Modern History and English, Nims plans to study British Colonialism in Nigeria and the Caribbean.

Randal Pinkett, has made a bit of history at Rutgers University, by being one of the two students at the school to receive the Rhodes Scholarship in four decades. Dana Brown, a Rutgers University senior majoring in Russian studies and political science was the other recipient. Randal, who is a senior in the College of Engineering, and maintained a 3.9 average throughout his college career, attributes his success to the various activities he participated in while attending Rutgers.

He is a member of the University track and field team and the former president of the Rutgers chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers. Randal is also the President of Mind, Body, & Soul Enterprises, an educational service organization that he founded. The organization is designed to promote the academic and cultural development of African-Americans as well as other minor-

ity youth by presenting lectures and workshops. "I was a well-rounded candidate with a good deal of community involvement. When I found out I was chosen I felt proud, relieved and enthusiastic."

While attending school at Oxford University, Nims plans to study engineering and economics manage-

ment. His future plans include opening another business that will design, build and sell audio-visual components such as stereos and television. Randal says he will continue his efforts to give back to the community, and use his educational, cultural and professional resources, as a vehicle to help others.



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Religious Calendar

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

NEWARK—The Leo H. Smith, Sr. Foundation, will kick-off Interfaith Expo '93 at its 7th annual award dinner & fashion show, 7:00 p.m. at the Robert Treat Hotel, 50 Park Place. Vendors from NJ and PA will display their product and services. For more info, call (201) 399-5270.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

NEWARK—Jazzin Records artist, Joy Foster of Jazzin is scheduled to perform her unique blend of jazz, r&b, and African rhythm styles at The Son Set Cafe Righteous Jam at 3:00 p.m. For more info, call (201) 429-8327.

DUNELLEN—Come and have lunch with Santa between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the Dunellen United Methodist Church, 150 Dunellen Ave. Lunch will cost \$3.50 and you can have your picture taken with Santa for an additional \$2.50. For more info, call (908) 668-1889.

NEWARK—The Leo H. Smith, Sr. Foundation, Interfaith Expo '93 at its 7th annual event, 10:00 a.m. There will be a gospel fest, food, fun, entertainment, shopping, seminars, guest speakers and much more, at the Robert Treat Hotel, 50 Park Place. Vendors from NJ and PA will display their product and services. For more info, call (201) 399-5270.

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PLAINFIELD—Saint Bernard's Church will be celebrating a festival of lessons and carols at 5:00 p.m. The service consists of scripture readings dealing with the birth of Christ and the prophecies of the coming of the messiah. The choir will perform. For more info, call (908) 765-3393.

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President Clinton addresses nation at 86th annual holy convocation of the Church of God In Christ

MEMPHIS, TENN.—"By the grace of God and your help, last year I was elected President of this great country. I never dreamed that I would ever have a chance to come to this hallowed place where Martin Luther King gave his last sermon."

Thirteen percent of all my presidential appointments are African-Americans, and there are five African-Americans in the Cabinet of the United States—two and a half times as many as have ever served in the history of this great land.

If Martin Luther King, who said, 'Like Moses, I am on the mountain top, and I can see the promised land, but I'm not going to be able to get there with you, but we will get there,'—if he were to reappear by my side today and give us a report card on the last 25 years, what would he say? You did a good job, he would say, voting and electing people who formerly were not electable because of the color of their skin. You have more political power, and that is good. You did a good job, he would say, letting people who have the ability to do so live wherever they want to live, go wherever they want to go in this great country.

You did a good job, he would say, elevating people of color into the ranks of the United States. Armed Forces to the very top, or into the very top of our government. You did a very good job, he would say. He would say, you did a good job creating a black middle class of people who really are doing well, and the middle class is growing more among African-Americans than among non-African-Americans. You did a good job. You did a good job in opening opportunity.

But he would say, I did not live and die to see the American family destroyed. I did not live and die to see 13-year-old boys get automatic weapons and gun down 9-year-olds just for the kick of it. I did not live and die to see young people destroy their own lives with drugs and then build fortunes destroying the lives of others. That is not what I came here to do.

My fellow Americans, he would say, I fought to stop white people from being so filled with hate that they would wreak violence on black people.

I did not fight for the right of black people to murder other black people with reckless abandon.

More than 37,000 people die from gunshot wounds in this country every year. Gunfire is the leading cause of death in young men. And now that we've all gotten so cool that everybody can get a semi-automatic weapon, a person shot now is three times more likely to die than 15 years ago, because they are likely to have three bullets in them. One hundred and sixty thousand children stay home from school every day because they are scared they will be hurt in their school.

The freedom to do that kind of thing is not what Martin Luther King lived and died for. It's not what people gathered in this hallowed church for the night before he was assassinated, in April of 1968. If you had told anybody who was here in that church on that night that we would abuse our freedom in that way, they would have found it hard to believe. And I tell you it is our moral duty to turn it around.

So we are beginning. We are trying to pass a bill to make our people safer—to put another 100,000 police officers on the street. To provide boot camps instead of prisons for young people who can still be rescued. To provide more safety in our schools. To restrict the availability of these awful assault weapons. To pass the Brady Bill and at least require people to have their criminal background checked before they get a gun.

And to say, if you're not old enough to vote and you're not old enough to go to war, you ought not to own a handgun and you ought not to use one unless you're on a target range.

We need this crime bill now. We ought to give it to the American people for Christmas. And we need to move forward on all these other fronts. But I say to you, my fellow Americans, we need some other things as well. I do not believe we can repair the basic fabric of society until people who are willing to work have work. Work organizes life. It gives structure and discipline to life. It gives meaning and self-esteem to people who are parents. It gives a role model

to children.

So I say to you, we have to make a partnership—all the government agencies, all the business folks—but where there are no families, where there is no order, where there is no hope, where we are reducing the size of our armed services because we have won the Cold War—who will be

there to give structure, discipline and love to these children? You must do that. And we must help you.

So in this pulpit, on this day, let me ask all of you in your heart to say we will honor the life and the work of Martin Luther King; we will honor the meaning of our church; we will somehow, by God's grace, we will

turn this around. We will give these children a future. We will take away their guns and give them books. We will take away their despair and give them hope. We will rebuild the families and the neighborhoods and the communities. We won't make all the work that has gone on here benefit just a few. We will do it together by the grace of God. Thank you."



President Clinton embraces Bishop Ford at the Church of God in Christ in Memphis.

NESF holds toy drive

NEWARK—In an attempt to brighten the holiday season for hundreds of needy children, Newark Emergency Services for Families is seeking donations of new and gently used toys for distribution to the unfortunate youngsters.

According to Bonnie Perry, executive director of NESF, "normally, when children belong to families where basic necessities such as food, clothing and shelter are lacking, the holidays are painful reminders of the things they don't have."

Perry stated that the organization has distributed Christmas gifts to nearly 500 children during the 1992 Christmas season, thanks to contributions made by individuals, organizations, churches, businesses, elementary schools and colleges throughout Essex County. In addition to the tremendous donation of toys, winter clothing and books were also received. "Peer pressure is very prevalent among children, so it's difficult for them to return to school from Christmas vacation and not have exciting stories to tell about their gifts. It's our hope that we can give them at least one new toy to talk about."

The toy drive will last through December 20, to allow sufficient time for distribution. The agency is located at 303 Washington Street, 5th Floor, Newark, 07102. For more information call Denise Carroll, Special Projects Coordinator or Tiffany Smith, Public Relations Specialist, at 201-643-5727.

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SPORTLIGHT

by R.L. Greene

Keith Dambrot has been sacked again. This time, it was the justice system that did it. Dambrot, whose main crime is he's white, was the basketball coach at Central Michigan University until he "talked black" in his predominantly black team last season. Bad move.

Following a loss, Dambrot exhorted his team by telling his charges, "I wish we had more niggers on this team." The coach says his team understood the use of the word meant that he wanted them to play tougher. The team, it should be noted, didn't complain.

Dambrot's troubles began, however, when the campus newspaper reported he had used the "N" word. Whoops! School officials, quick to demonstrate how tough they are, immediately suspended the coach for four days without pay. That wasn't enough for outraged students, faculty and alumni, who forced the school to fire Dambrot. Surprisingly, most of his players, even the blacks, sided with the coach.

Just recently, a federal judge dismissed Dambrot's lawsuit, denying the coach's claim that Central Michigan violated his free speech and due process rights by firing him.

"Although the debate about a public university employee using a word so steeped in racially negative implications is almost certainly a matter of public concern now, the question about the original speech itself stands apart," the university

quoted U.S. District Judge Robert Cleland's ruling as saying.

Jesse Jackson recently visited the school and said language such as Dambrot's is never acceptable. This isn't meant to condone Dambrot's choice of words—far from it—but Jesse needs to take his message to the New York City subway system or the streets of any major U.S. city where young blacks use the "N" word constantly, and usually as a term of endearment.

Is it any wonder that Dambrot is confused and angry? If the coach who replaced Dambrot, former Ball State assistant Leonard Drake, says the same thing, at most he would get slapped on the wrist. Drake, you see, is black.

It's a double-edged sword we're trying to wield. Our young people can say whatever they want, but if someone of a different religion or a different ethnic group says it, we immediately grow huffy and demand an apology. What other ethnic group calls itself names in public that it considers offensive if anybody else uses it.

When the fur first hit the fan, so to speak, one of Dambrot's players, guard Keith Gilmore, owned up to the ridiculous position in which blacks have put themselves. Gilmore, you see, admits he and his black teammates regularly use the word "nigger."

"I can understand people who say you shouldn't use it, but it's like a habit now," Gilmore said. "I probably should stop doing it, but it's

become part of the language."

Today, the "N" word is banded about in jest, in fellowship, in just regular language by blacks, especially young blacks, who liberally sprinkle the term throughout almost every sentence. Or at least it seems that way.

And it's not just the language. Just read any newspaper, or listen to any radio station or watch any television newscast. While we are shaking and jiving and hustling and pan-handling and cussin' and fussin', we're also killing ourselves, literally and figuratively.

Complain all you want about police brutality or the unfairness of the system. The injustices in this society are easy to spot. But can you imagine the uproar if cops killed as many one-thens as many blacks as blacks do?

In Boston recently, the continuous slaughter on our streets impacted onto the athletic field, as it so often does. Abdul Bradley, a 17-year-old high school football star who was being courted by Notre Dame and Boston College, among other schools, was shot five times by teen-age gang members who reportedly mistook him for someone else.

Two 16-year-olds pleaded guilty to the shooting and were sentenced to jail until they are 21—a maximum jail term of five years. They'll be out of jail before Bradley, who still carries two of the bullets in his body and experiences excruciating pain, will be finished with college.

Jesse Jackson. Where are you when we really need you?

Atlantic city hosts holiday classic

Klassix Enterprises, Inc. of Newark, NJ, in conjunction with the Casino Association of New Jersey (CANJ), announced today the sponsorship of the first annual Atlantic City Holiday Classic designed to celebrate the heritage and accomplishments of African American colleges and universities by offering students, alumni family and friends a three-day festival of athletic, social and business-oriented activities from Friday, December 17 through Sunday, December 19, 1993. The anchoring event of The Classic will be the John B. McLendon, Jr. Invitational Basketball Tournament, named in honor of the father of black college basketball. The Tournament will pit eight (8) men's teams and four (4) women's teams in a unique "dual" single-elimination format, with the two winners being crowned by Mr. John B. McLendon, Jr. All Tournament games will be held at the Atlantic City Convention Center.

This first annual Tournament preceded, on Thursday, December 16, by an awards banquet for Mr. McLendon, to be attended by a host of honorees (including Clarence "Big House" Gaines, of Winston-Salem State Col-

lege, Nelson Brownlee of Claflin College and Robert "Bob" Hughes of Fort Worth, Texas), is a fitting recognition of their contributions and legacy to the sport.

In addition to The Tournament, The Atlantic City Holiday Classic will also offer a series of festive and educational venues including, a fraternity/sorority "step-show" competition with representatives from America's largest Black Greek fraternities/sororities, a President's Commissioner's Ball, for the presidents and conference commissioners representing each of the participating colleges/universities, along with Alumni receptions, and business consortiums held throughout the weekend. Each of Atlantic City's twelve casino hotels will be acting as a "host/site" for each of the twelve colleges/universities that are participating in the John B. McLendon, Jr. Invitational Basketball Tournament. In addition, there will be a "Salute to Excellence/Stay in School Program" incorporating high school youth in the New York, New Jersey & Pennsylvania areas.

The CANJ, and its members, "are delighted to be able to open our arms to the African American community and support the principles of growth and achievement embodied in The Atlantic City Holiday Classic," stated Mr. Howard Bacharach, Chairman of the Special Events Committee of the CANJ and Senior Vice-President Operations/Administration of Caesars, Atlantic City. Klassix Enterprises, Inc. also announced that a significant portion of the net proceeds from The Atlantic City Holiday Classic will be donated to a number of charitable entities geared to offering opportunities for higher education to African-American youth. As stated by Bill Osborne, President of Klassix Enterprises, Inc., "the donations will reinforce The Atlantic City Holiday Classic's goal of enhancing the prospects for African-American youth, while affirming the need for support of historically black colleges/universities." For additional information contact Gary Johnson, Klassix Enterprises, Inc., 9 Lincoln Park, Newark, NJ 07102 or call (201) 643-1110.

Focus on East Orange



East Orange, Mayor Cardell Cooper's monthly television program, will highlight new and expanded businesses in the City of East Orange.

The show will air on December 13, at 5:30 p.m. on Suburban Cablevision, Channel 3. Guests for this month are 3rd Ward Councilman Mark Scotland, who also serves as President of the East Orange Chamber of Commerce and a local entrepreneur and George Whelan, Economic Development Coordinator for the City of East Orange. Entrepreneur Marilyn Freeman, co-owner of Random Access Records will also join Mayor Cooper on the show.

According to Mayor Cooper, new and expanded businesses are being highlighted to focus on Minority, Women and Small Business Week in East Orange. Activities during the week include site visits by the Mayor to new businesses, meetings with business owners and programs to honor others.

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curriculum that will elevate the black masses from their present condition of poverty. It is hard to admit that a total movement has died. It is even harder for people to believe it, especially when they see some of the leaders still wiggling around as if their heads have been chopped off. But, it is true. So that the rest of us may live, we must mourn and bury our fallen past; we must create anew, then march on until victory is won.

Newark organizations hold toy drive

NEWARK—Mail Boxes Etc. (MBE) postal Centers are accepting toys and games for the U.S. Marines' 1993 "Toys for Tots" campaign, November 26 through December 22. Toy donations will be distributed by the Marines to needy and disadvantaged children in the local community during the holiday season.

As an official "Toys for Tots" sponsor, The owner of MBE, Albert Calloway encourages everyone in the area to "bring in a new, unwrapped toy or game so that we can help bring

holiday joy to needy children in our community." For further information on the "Toys for Tots" program, please call 201-524-6066.

The Newark South Ward Young Democrats (NSWYD) in collaboration with the South Ward Cultural Center, is launching the 1993 Community Toy Drive from December 1 through 20. Toys and contributions can be delivered to the South Ward Cultural Center at 400 Hawthorne Avenue. The center is open Monday - Friday from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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